

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS, WEBSITES, AND THE FIELD

East Carter County High School

FBLA Regional Conference

Mrs. Tera Baldwin and Mrs. Aundra Shearer took 29 students to the Region 5 FBLA Regional Conference March 11. The following students placed and will advance to the State Conference:

1st Place Web Design - HaLeigh Robinette, Brooke Madden, Taylor Bayes

1st Place Spreadsheet Applications - Kaitleigh Staton

1st Place Name Tag - Sarah Bailey, Jordyn Wiler

3rd Place Computer Applications - Kaitlyn Kennedy

3rd Place Database Design - Shelby Ferguson

3rd Place Hospitality Management - Karli Lemaster, Jordan Goodman

East Carter also won first place in Largest Local Chapter Membership in Region 5 for the second year in a row!

Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Shearer were also recognized as Outstanding Advisers in Region 5 FBLA.



East Carter FBLA

ECHS Student Selected to Attend The Gatton Academy

ECHS is proud to announce that Jacob McDavid, a sophomore, has been selected as a member of the 2017 class at The Gatton Academy. Jacob went through an application process that included submitting essays, transcripts, ACT scores, and recommendations. After being chosen as a finalist, Jacob traveled to Bowling Green for interviews. Jacob is the son of Bill and Susan McDavid.

The competitiveness of The Gatton Academy's admission process has continued to increase over the years," said Dr. Lynette Breedlove, Director of The Gatton Academy. "This year was no exception, as the Class of 2017 is a remarkable group. We look forward to our expansion next year and being able to admit a greater number of students. Kentucky has a wealth of exceptional students of whom the state can be proud."

The goal of The Gatton Academy is to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in Kentucky. Moreover, The Gatton Academy assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and work in the state.

The Gatton Academy is Kentucky's first state-supported, residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers and one of only 15 such programs in the nation. In 2012 and 2013, *Newsweek* named The Gatton Academy the nation's top public high school and in 2014, *The Daily Beast* named The Gatton Academy the nation's top public high school.



Jacob McDavid

East Carter Students Compete at Regional FFA Competition

The East Carter FFA had 33 members compete in the FFA Regional Competition on March 13. The Varsity Parli team had a first place finish, the JV Parli team had a second place finish, and East Carter had four speakers win first place and three speakers win second place. All will go on to state competition in June.

Varsity Parli members: Sarah Jo-Diamond, Nick Mulkey, Katie Smith, Abbie Boggs, Brodie Wilburn, Brayden Pennington, Kristen Stewart, Patrick Flaughner, Jade Wilburn, Regan Sloas, Rebecca Salyers, Laura Waugh

JV Parli Members: Ryleigh Jobe, Kennedy Mullins, Kaleb Wears, Joselyn Wilcox, Hannah Durbin, Abby Hall, Shayna Burnett, Lakin Wilson, Brianna Criswell



East Carter FFA

East Carter Student Speaks at KAER Opening Ceremony

Morgan Jones, 10th grader at ECHS, was invited to speak to the KAER (Kentucky Chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired) on Wednesday, March 11 for their opening ceremony. They requested that Morgan speak about her sight impairment and how she handles day-to-day activities. They also wanted her to talk about the different extracurricular activities she is involved in: band, 4-H, FCA, FBLA, and various church activities.

Morgan's speech was entitled, "Yes, I Can." Her goal for her speech was to encourage all of the teachers there. She wanted them to know that their students are so much more than their disability. They can encourage their students to be anything they want to be.



Morgan Jones

Metcalfe County High School

MCHS student Renee Judd won the district water conservation essay contest and received a \$100 check from Peggy Bridges.



Newport High School

Newport Student's Drawing Nominated for Eco-Art Contest

Believe it or not, Samara's drawing "A Touch of Nature" is a work of art completed with ballpoint pen. Yes, that's right, a ballpoint pen! The ballpoint is a trendy and popular medium with artists today. Samara's ink drawing has been nominated as an entry in the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) 2014-15 Eco-Art Contest, which is open to Kentucky high school students. The Eco-Art Contest is one way DEP supports its mission by encouraging Kentucky students to express their views on conservation, environmental protection, and pollution prevention through various works of art. We wish Samara the best of luck with her entry.



Sophomore Samara Hall's ink drawing "A Touch of Nature"

Perry County Central High School

Two Students Selected to Attend 2015 Craft Academy

Tucker Jett and Lindsey Eddington have been selected to attend the 2015 Craft Academy at Morehead. The Craft Academy is a dual credit high school for academically gifted students. Craft Academy allows high schools juniors and seniors to finish high school while completing 2 years of college courses at the same time. We would like to congratulate Tucker and Lindsey on this wonderful opportunity and wish them the best of luck.



Tucker Jett



Lindsey Eddington

Sheldon Clark High School

Sheldon Clark Launches Air and Space Academy -

<http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Students-learn-to-fly-planes-in-Martin-County-300847221.html>

Trip to WSAZ

The Journalism and Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates classes traveled to WSAZ Television 3 on Wednesday, January 28 to tour the facility. While on this trip, they took a tour of the studio, the video control rooms, and the main news room. While in the studio, the students were very engrossed in all the technology, especially the "green screen" where Aaron Tackett and Lance Tackett did a mock-weather report. It was an amazing learning experience.

One Journalism student, Victoria Stepp, said, "It inspired me to pursue a career in the journalism field." Senior Ali Scott said, "I really enjoyed it and thought it was very interesting when we got to see where WSAZ does their broadcast." As you can see, this trip has given our students an idea into how much work goes into a newscast, as well as creating memories that will last a lifetime. The trip has inspired many of our students to pursue a career in the journalism field, including Logan Fitch who requested the position of "Lead Anchor" for WSAZ, and is patiently waiting for a formal reply. The students attending were: Aaron Tackett, Kelsey Dean, Emily Waller, Tanner Lafferty, Gage Burke, Cody Gauze, Korey Hanson, Jacob Blair, Marvin Albrecht, Abby Reed, Anika Newsome, Lexi Nezbeth, Lexie Williams, Kyla Horn, Ashley Hatfield, Kaitlyn Dingess, Ruoxi Ma, Taylor Fields, Hailey Webb, Shania Jude, Mackenzie Fraley, Caitlyn Horn, Tori Stepp, Jasmine Fish, Roxy Gillespie, Megan Moore, Alison Scott, Kaitlyn Keener, Mathilde Skriver, Cameron Preston, Wesley Hager, Lance Tackett, Logan Fitch, along with Mrs. Marcie Hanson, SCHS Journalism instructor.



Westport Middle School

Westport American History Club Visits Washington D.C.

Eighth grade members of the American History Club visited the U.S. Capitol on a private tour provided by their U.S. Congress office, seen a play at The Ford Theatre, visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and gone to the National Archives to see the original copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

